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Airport<sup>ELR</sup> Comment

To Whom it May Concern:

In 2004 I completed a Master's Thesis entitled "The Architecture and Art of the Long Beach Administration Building." For this reason, I have been asked by Long Beach Heritage to submit a brief comment on the Administration Building in regards to information that I included in my thesis about plans for airport expansion.

I found one reference indicating that the subtle arc shape of the Administration Building, a "segment of a wagon wheel," would lend itself well to expansion from either end. That information is in, "Air Terminal for Small West Coast Field Follows Best Prewar Pattern, Allows for Expansion," Architectural Forum 85 (October 1946): 94. Theoretically the ends of the terminal, or Administration Building, if continued in the arc shape, would terminate at Lakewood Boulevard, the intersecting thoroughfare to the airport's east. However, Lakewood Boulevard has been relocated since the conception of this plan.

Also, the Long Beach Airport has a photograph of a 1967 drawing for a completely new terminal building, or at least a completely transformed building. This 1967 plan bears no resemblance to Austin and Wing's rather standard, horizontal terminal building, which in fact, was not an uncommon prewar airport terminal design. The terminal buildings at Houston and Newark Airports are similar in shape.

Respectfully submitted,

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